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Eugene Bradbury, District Officer
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NOLTING HOUSE (Residence)
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Owner:Date of Erection:Architect:Builder: John Hobson (owner)Present Condition: ExcellentNumber of Stories: Three and BasementMaterials of Construction: BrickOther Existing Records:

Additional Data: The lot standing at the southwest corner of 5th and Main was formerly graced by a house built by Thomas Taylor, an opulent and highly respected old-time merchant. After his death that famous old-time educator, Miss Jane Mackenzie, of happy memory, occupied the place as a boarding and day school. ***** About 1840 the house was purchased by John C. Hobson, a Goochland farmer, who had been elected president of the Richmond Branch of the Exchange Bank of Norfolk. Mr. Hobson had the old dwelling removed, and in its stead erected the commodious building still ornamenting the grounds. The builder of the Hobson house was Robert McClellan, who also built the Exchange Hotel. For the latter purpose he brought to the city a score of skilled workmen, most of them, like himself, of Scotch birth. That memorable fellow-citizen and worthy man, George Gibson, Sr., was one of McClellan's men. Mr. Hobson occupied the property for many years. The late Judge William H. Lyons married one of his daughters. At Mr. Hobson's death, the property was sold to the late E. O. Nolting (in August 1873), by whose estate it is still held. The brick-work of the house was done by Beasley and Quarles.
(Source: Newspaper clipping - Richmond Dispatch - 1896.)

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The wing between the original house and the coal shed was added in 1873 when the Noltings moved in. Prior to that the kitchen was housed in a separate building to the south of the main structure, at the end of the broad brick walk approximately at the point of the present property line to the south. For access from the kitchen to the dining-room on the first floor there was a stair in the projecting portion of the original building, on the west side, leading from the ground floor to the first. The servant quarters at this period were probably above the kitchen. The Noltings used the southeast room on the ground floor as a summer dining room, and it is probable that the previous inhabitants used the ground floor for dining purposes all year around. The east wall of the stable continued to the south property line, thus forming a carriage house in place of the present garage. (Source: Daughter of E. O. Nolting - October 28, 1940.)

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